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EIGHT CANDLES ON LOG'S BIRTHDAY CAKE

Sprague Electric Log Begins 9th Year

"QUOTES and UNQUOTES" from each Anniversary Issue

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August 1938

"Nothing is more vital to the success of business enterprise than a proper understanding between all who are directly engaged in its operation . . .

The Sprague LOG is hereby dedicated to the cause of progress, better understanding, and our mutual enjoyment."

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August 1939

How Important Is Your Job?

"The importance of our tasks depends to a great extent on how well we do them and how much of ourselves we put into them. If we continually try to improve our ability to do our work and to improve the work itself, then our job is important because it is preparing us for bigger things ahead."

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August 1940

"This issue marks the second birthday and the beginning of the third year of publication for the LOG . . . As long as Sprague Specialties continues to move forward and Sprague people keep doing interesting things, there will always be material worth writing about and worth reading."

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August 1941

HOW QUALITY KEEPS UP WITH QUANTITY

" . . . Many fine compliments have been paid us on the quality of our products under the defense rush . . . a number of Army, Navy and Western Electric inspectors are at the plant daily, inspecting right on the ground to save time and waste later . . . Rigid inspection is demanded on the large size mica condensers made at the Brown Street plant. They are for use with magnetos for engines on British fighter planes and so are made to their specifications. Production on another British type is planned."

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August 1942

VICTORY RALLIES . . .

"Army Air Force inspects Beaver Street and Brown Street Plants. Emphasizes important part of Sprague Employees in winning war."

"President Sprague Promises Unlimited Cooperation"

"I know," he states, "that every employee joins with me in thanking you for coming here to impress on us the importance of our work . . . I know that each and every employee joins me in pledging our utmost effort, so that it can never be said of us -- 'too little, too late' -- BUT 'What is needed -- on Time!'"

"William Landry, representing Employees, Says

They Intend to Win War"

Major Holterman Tells Sprague Workers -- "We're All in the Army Now!"

U. S. TREASURY ASKS YOUR ALL-OUT HELP
All Sprague Employees Urged to Join National
War Savings Bond Campaign

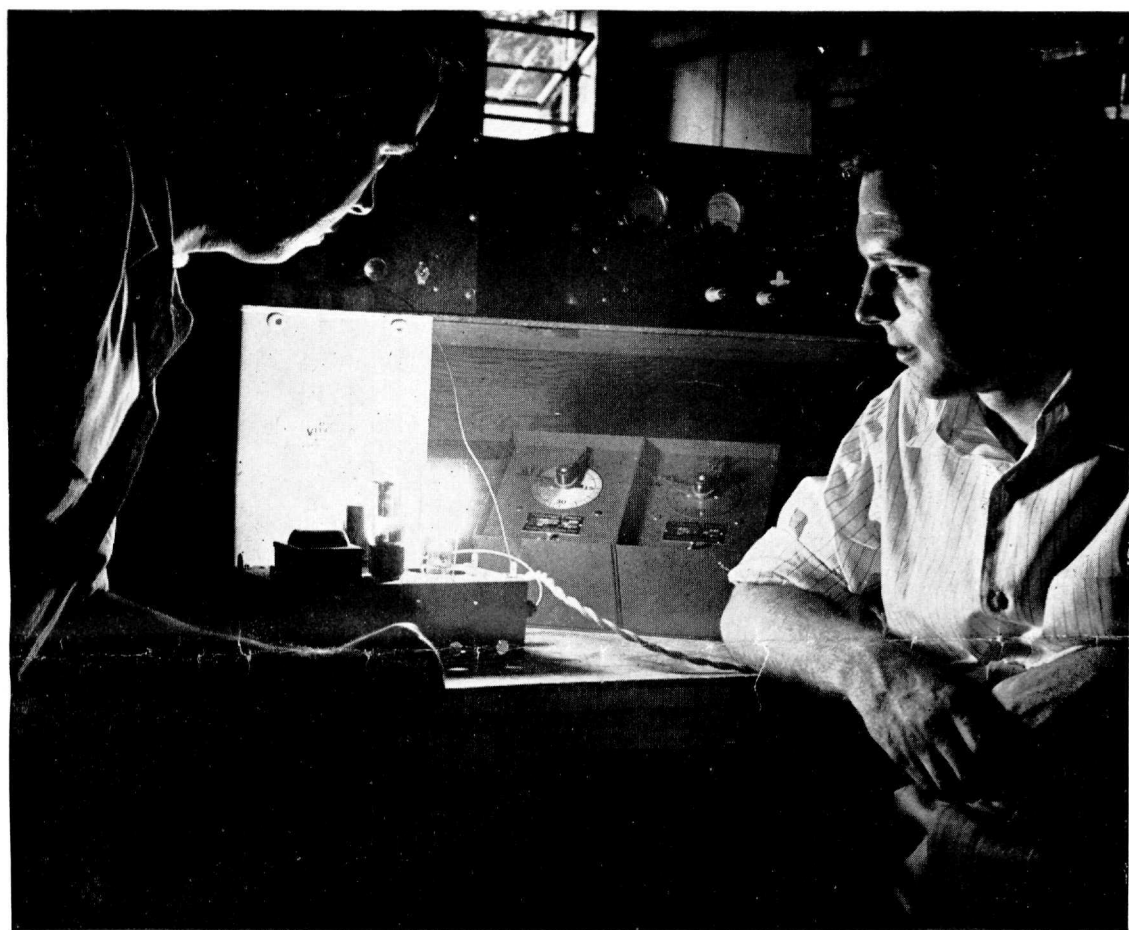
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ANOTHER ANNIVERSARY

" . . . With the present issue, we head into our sixth year. With our new dress, our new Publishing Staff, our growing list of Department Reporters and with VICTORY added to our title we should indeed set new records"

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Danny Shea and Bob McKeon watch a flash test experiment in the Laboratory, in which the Vitamin Q condenser is used.
Photo by Fred Crosier

Sprague "Vitamin Q" Capacitor Used In New Photoflash Process

Edgerton, Germeshausen and Grier of M.I.T. developed the use of electrical discharge flashtubes for photographic purposes before World War II. One unique property of these flashtubes is that the flash lasts only a few millionths of a second and consequently a subject which is in very rapid motion can be photographed. The other is that they produce a light source of extremely high intensity.

The electrical energy used by the flash tubes is supplied by a condenser. The condenser is connected to a power supply which charges it up to a high voltage and it is then discharged through the flash tube. Thus the energy stored in the condenser is drawn out by the flow of current to the flash tube. The current flowing through the tube heats up and ionizes the gases inside and results in light of blinding intensity.

In military operations aerial photographic reconnaissance is extremely important. Most of it however was done by daylight and at night it could only be done with magnesium bombs which were very dangerous to handle and much too heavy to allow many

exposures to be taken in one flight. To overcome these difficulties the group at M.I.T. suggested the use of flashtubes and undertook the development of airborne equipment to apply them. The equipment had to be light in weight. Since the major

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Permits Granted for Nine Television Stations

So that television service may be made available to Mr. and Mrs. Public as soon as possible, the Federal Communications Commission has granted construction permits to nine applicants in cities where television is not now available. This means that some 5,046,974 persons living within radiating areas will soon be receiving television service.

One Year Ago -- V - J Day

(Quoted from the Log, August 25, 1945)

Again we pay tribute to all those Sprague Employees who served so courageously in the Armed Services--

"In our rejoicing and cheering because the war is ended let us not forget those who can never return. Let us not forget those former Sprague workers who once worked side by side with us here. Let us not forget those thousands and thousands of men from all over the country who have been wounded and disabled for life. Let us resolve that this sort of thing must never happen again and actively work for continued PEACE backed up by more than mere words."

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"Every Sprague Worker an Assistant Reporter."

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★ ★ SERVICE NEWS ★ ★

Receives Promotion Overseas And Meets North Adams Girls

Our former co-worker, Kay Burns, while serving in the WACs overseas, has been promoted to a captaincy. The following letter tells of this promotion and also of a citation received by her Company.

She relates: "Received my promotion the other day and my Company received the Unit Citation of which I am very proud, but we haven't had time to think about it much, because part of my Company moved to Bremerhaven three days ago as advance party, some leave Wednesday, and I must stay with a small staff to finish transporting war brides until July 23rd. In the last group of WACs we processed into the theater, I interviewed two hometown Gals: Lois

Claire Carleton who worked at Spragues and a Catherine Raimer."

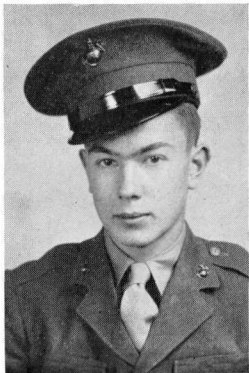
The Citation of which Capt. Burns speaks says: "This Unit has achieved and maintained a high standard of discipline based on superior military courtesy, appearance of personnel, installations, and equipment, and enthusiastic execution of orders, thereby upholding their highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States.

Completes Army Course

First Lieut. John A. Pierce, Jr., who entered service in April 1943 from the Mica Department, Brown Street, is one of 135 staff officers to receive a diploma from the Army Information school at Carlisle Barracks, Pa. Pierce was commissioned a second lieutenant in July of 1943.



Archie LeFleur sent this snapshot when stationed in Illinois. He was formerly in the Plating Department.



Pfc. Alexander Wilk of the Marine Air Corps, stationed at Quantico, Va. He is the brother of Sophie, of Boxing Department.

"QUOTES and UNQUOTES"

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FROM THE BOSTON HERALD, AUGUST 1, 1943

"In this mill city you can't find a fourth for bridge. The main reason is that 3000 women, many of whom used to spend part of their afternoons card shuffling, are working for Sprague Specialties Company, which makes such things as condensers, resistors and gas masks and has won the Army-Navy production award for high achievement."

"\$168.33 CIGARETTE FUND RAISED FIRST WEEK"

"PRODUCTION CONTROL DEPARTMENT COMMENDED BY WPB REPRESENTATIVES"

"Zip Your Lip
Save A Ship"

"WORKING TOGETHER FOR VICTORY"

"LETTER FROM OUR BOYS IN SERVICE"

"... We are using the Gas Mask that is made by your Brown St. or Marshall St. Plant now ... also we use a lot of your other products down here ... hope your company keeps up the good jobs they are doing as it will help to win this war in a hurry ..."

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August 1944

"WAR PRODUCTION

MUST KEEP PACE WITH RAPID ALLIED ADVANCES"

"One of the important services of the LOG in the last three years has been its large number of pictures, letters and notes from our 451 men and women in the Armed Services. Scores of letters received ... attest the value and cheer it has been to them. When they return (soon, we hope) may many of them take a further interest by becoming members of the reporters and editors groups."

"SPRAGUE CIGARETTES RECEIVED IN CHINA"

"TEACHERS IN WAR WORK -- AT SPRAGUE'S"

"LETTERS AND NEWS FROM THE ARMED FORCES"

"... It is really wonderful to get the monthly issues of the LOG and read the latest news from factory and boys and girls in the armed services. Also the booklet on "While We Invade"-- thank you for sending them ..."

"... I have received every copy of the LOG since I've been at Sampson and I think you folks are doing a grand job back home ... when we are out there fighting, we'll know that the stuff we'll need to lick the Japs will come with unfaltering speed. This gives a fighting man a wonderful feeling of security -- to know that the folks are backing him up to full extent ..."

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August 1945

"THE SPRAGUE RADIO LOG SALUTES THE AIR FORCE"

"First Issue of Volume Eight Dedicated to Former Workers Fallen in Their Country's Service"

"538 Sprague Men and Women in Service --
18 Sprague Men Made the Supreme Sacrifice
47 Veterans Now Working at Sprague's."

"FLASH!"

"SPRAGUE SUPPLIES PARTS
FOR ATOMIC BOMB"

"Sprague Production Dedicated to Gold Star Heroes"

"NEWS FROM THE SERVICEMEN"

"... Our Battalion has used a great deal of Sprague condensers in our travels through France, Germany and Austria under all kinds of conditions. They have never let us down. Keep up the good work and the best of luck to you all ..."

Says LOG Should Be Daily Paper

"... I received the gift package from the Sprague employees ... to them, thanks a million ... Enjoy the LOG more than any other paper, and the only thing I can say -- it should be a daily paper! ... God bless you and keep up the good work ..."

NOTE: Pages four and five of this August 1945 issue were dedicated to, and showed pictures of, the eighteen Sprague employees who gave their lives in the service of their country.

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August 1946

There is no need to quote from this current issue of the LOG, Vol. IX, No. 1, as it will doubtless be read, word for word, from beginning to end.

One year ago, the atomic bomb had just fallen on Japan and we were waiting tensely for V-J Day.

Today we await the outcome of the Peace Conference and pray that it may honestly point the way to the end of all wars.

To all members of the LOG Staff and to all others who have helped make the LOG a success (not only this past year, but since August 1938) our sincere thanks. Now let us team up and make Vol. 9 of the Sprague LOG the best ever.

In closing this Birthday Parade, we know that you will agree that the most important period in the Log's life has been the years of World War II.

WEDDINGS



Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lesure, Jr. married June 22nd. Bill is employed in Section Test and his bride Leah Pandell Lesure works in F. P. Owens.



Mr. and Mrs. Melwood Roy Downs, married June 24th. Mrs. Downs is the former "Angie" Segala of Boxing Department.

Rondeau-Foote: Miss Jeannette Marie Foote became the bride of Wilfred Gerard Rondeau at a double ring ceremony on Saturday, August 3rd. The bride is employed in the Block Test Department and the bridegroom is employed in the Dry Rolling Department.

Kolis-Landry: The wedding of Miss Lorraine L. Landry and Edmond Kolis was solemnized with the double ring ceremony on Saturday, August 3rd. The bride is employed in the Dry Rolling Department.

La Rocca-Burdick: Mrs. Thelma Bouchard Burdick and Salvatore J. La Rocca were joined in marriage, Friday, August 2nd. Mrs. La Rocca formerly worked in the D.T.Q. Department at the Marshall Street Plant.

Weddings for August 10th

Two young women of Sprague Electric Company have chosen August 10th as their wedding date. They are Miss Viola Maruco of the P.A.A. Department who weds Mr. John Novak of Adams; and Miss Doris DaSacco, of the Paper Rolling Department, who weds Mr. Silvio Merlino.





An electric device has been demonstrated which can produce a million of tones beyond the scope of any musical instrument which we know!

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A combination incandescent and fluorescent lamp will shortly be produced which doubles the illumination of prewar models.

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The manufacture of very light weight davenports and stuffed chairs will soon become a reality through the use of a new foamed plastic. It is now used in a score of aircraft items, including fuselage sections, wing structure, doors, flooring, etc. It is lighter than cork, combining strength with insulating properties and may be shaped or tooled with any woodworking machinery. It will also be used for refrigerators, frozen food lockers, in trailers, prefabricated houses, artificial limbs and boat hulls... (Sounds to us like a sales talk for old-time patent medicines—it's good for everything).

What We Do After 5 O'Clock

(Second, in a series of articles of Sprague employees and their various hobbies and diversions.)

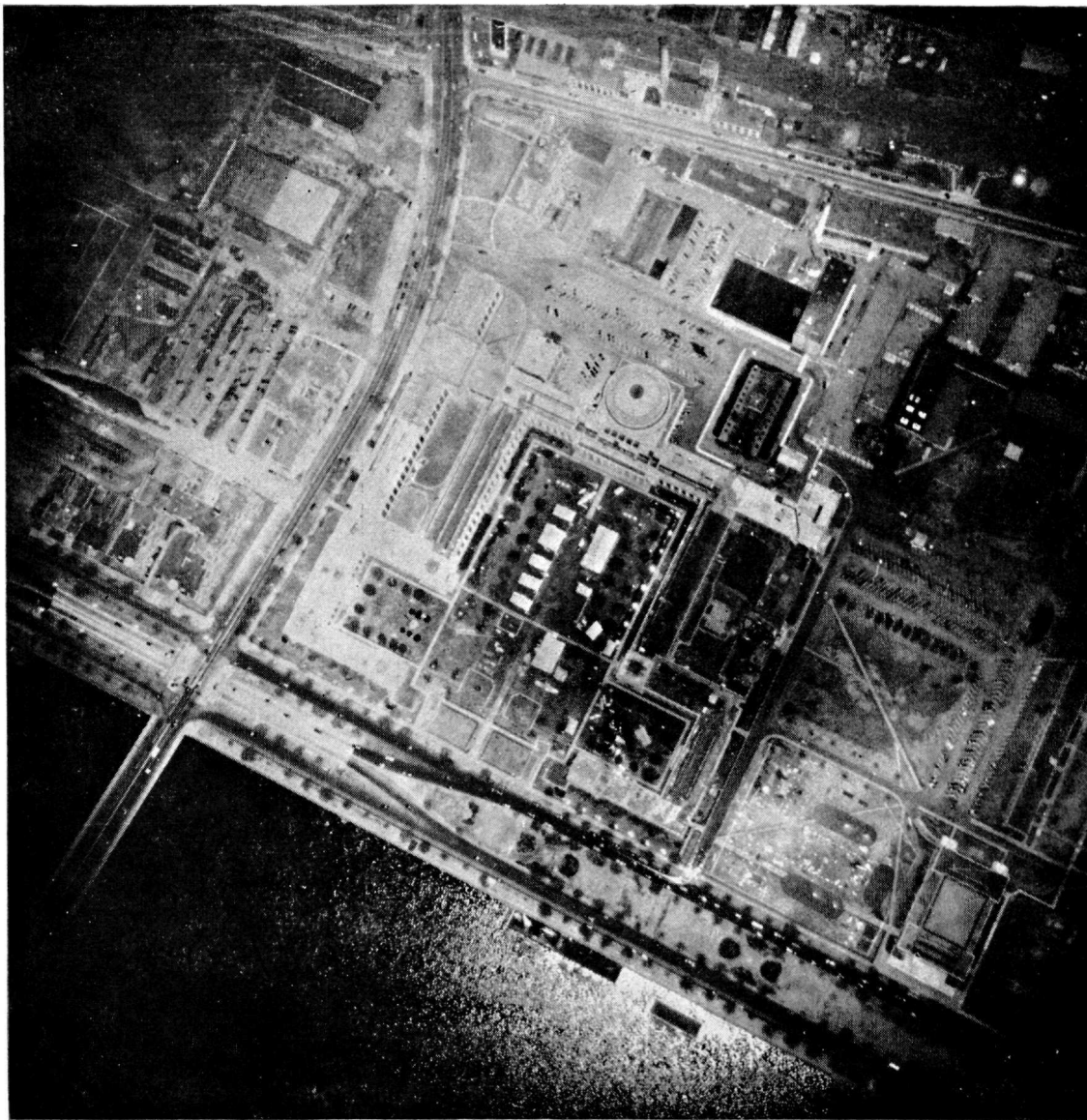
This reporter chanced to seek out one of our Sprague employees and asked: "What do you do after five o'clock—or—what is your hobby?" This question was directed to "Ted" Czerwinski an employee of the Industrial Oils Department at the Brown Street plant. "Ted" lives in Adams—and sport fans will recall not too many years ago, the skill exhibited by him on the basketball court and the baseball diamond. He also took up pole-vaulting while in high school. "Ted" is the outdoor type, and gets a big kick out of fishing—and his major so-called hobby is "barnyard golf."

To those who are not familiar with the term, "barnyard golf", may I enlighten them by saying: "pitching horseshoes." Many people who have watched contestants participating in this recreational pastime have often commented: "That fellow throws a nice shoe—he has a fine eye." Now "Ted" has worn glasses all through high school and to this very day, and yet he is an exceptional horseshoe player. His theory is that it is not the eye, but the co-ordination of the hands with the shoes—a sort of sense of feeling—that makes a good player. A certain twist is created by simply uniting timing with the actual feeling or contact with the shoe. To those who have never been able to master the art of horseshoe pitching, after watching "Ted" they would be quick to agree that it seems to be done with effortless rhythmic motion. It brings results, since in a match-tournament, "Ted" has thrown 30 ringers in 36 attempts—quite a percentage!

One last note on "Ted" Czerwinski—and that is his violin. Many folks will be surprised to learn that he "fiddled" away some of his time while absorbing his education. Watch the next issue, when we will present another Sprague employee and his hobby.

—Ken Russell

SPRAGUE VITAMIN Q CAPACITOR USED IN PHOTOFLASH



How a photoflash picture looks. The photograph shows the buildings of M.I.T. taken from the air with photoflash equipment. A wide area is lighted up with great brilliancy and clarity.

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component in the equipment is the condenser, they contacted condenser manufacturers and presented their problem.

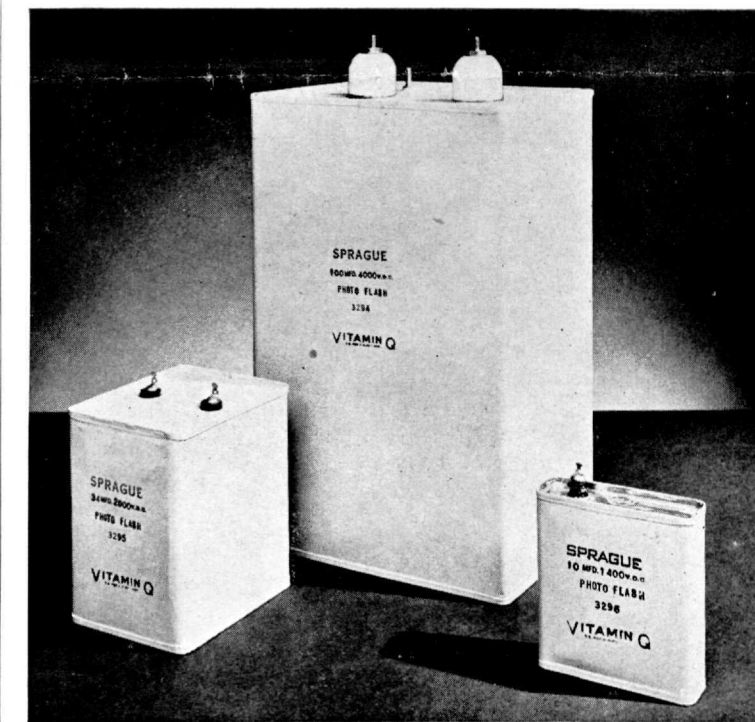
Sprague did not start work on this problem until about one year after the other condenser manufacturers. Nevertheless, three months later, Sprague had developed the new "VITAMIN Q" Photoflash condenser, and was able to deliver it in large quantities to the government.

The "VITAMIN Q" condenser used was 100 mfd. 4000v. DC and weighed approximately 35 lbs. As many as 64 units were connected in one bank in large equipments making about one ton of condensers. This represented about half the weight of the best that had been produced by any other manufacturers.

At very low temperatures (-55°C.) the weight saving was even more phenomenal since the "VITAMIN Q" condensers do not lose capacity at these temperatures and those previously used lose about 50%.

The equipment was used successfully at altitudes of 5000 feet. It was capable of taking pictures every two seconds and a total of 10,000 times. In practice only the number of available exposures on the film of the camera was limiting.

To illustrate the tremendous intensity of the light obtainable one incident was related in which a plane with a large equipment installed was ready for the takeoff on a concrete



The Sprague Vitamin Q Photoflash condensers proved invaluable in aerial photographic reconnaissance during the war.

runway and before going up the flashtube was flashed once to check it. The intensity of the light was so great that it cracked the cement runway where the reflector of the flashtube concentrated the beam of light.

The use of flashtubes is now being extended to commercial and amateur

photography. There are a number of battery operated portable equipments being manufactured in which the small size and weight of "VITAMIN Q" Photoflash condensers should be particularly advantageous.

—Dr. John Burnham

ATTENDANCE RECORDS HAVE NEW MEANING - - -

During the war unnecessary absenteeism, as it was called, was not only regarded as unpatriotic but the government did all it could to urge workers to be on the job each and every day. Now that we are passing through the period of reconversion to peacetime production, perhaps it is more difficult to see the value of regular and unbroken attendance on the job. Yet, in peacetime the need for steady, unbroken production of parts and assembled products is of vital concern, to the individual as well as to the company which employs him. Com-

petition with other capacitor and resistor manufacturers requires that Sprague's plants operate just as efficiently as possible in order to make the continual progress necessary if steady employment is to be provided. No, this isn't a sermon by the Log, it's just a hope that all Sprague employees will realize that absenteeism is a real problem in producing peacetime goods just as it was in wartime. The steadiness and value of our jobs depends to quite a large degree upon the steadiness and regularity with which we all are "on the job."

BUSY BEAVER NEWS

Engineering Specs

By Hazel Goodale

We are happy to welcome several new members to Engineering Specifications—and extend our greetings to Raymond Lamoureaux who has returned from overseas duty to his former work in Engineering Drafting. Our newcomers are: Barbara Carpenter from Adams, and Norman Wright formerly of Toronto, Ontario. Greetings to you both.

Speaking of welcomes, we had a most welcome surprise visit from our former co-worker Naomi Anderson who now lives in Philadelphia.

Several of us have been enjoying vacations with almost ideal weather conditions: Raymond Bishop spent a week on his farm in Pownal, Vt., and Lucius Henry spent a week with relatives in New York State. Stacia Soja and Jane Zabec were at Windsor Pond in Plainfield, where they enjoyed the swimming and dancing. Two of the girls found their way to lakes in Vermont—Rita Bishop at Lake Champlain and Doris Langer at Lake Bomoseen where the fish could be had for the catching—but if you didn't catch 'em, the boating was worth while, anyway.

Engineering Drafting

By Bob Garner

News from this Department is concerned entirely with vacations: It seems that Bob Windover spent his vacation at home (but actually—up on Beaver Street)....Bob Pettibone also vacationed at home. Harold Rarick spent his at Hampton Beach, while "Ernie" Purpura went to Lake Bomoseen, Vt....Harry Martin is taking a double vacation—a vacation away from his housebuilding which has occupied his spare hours all spring and summer—and now has journeyed to points in New York and Connecticut

Boxing

By S. Wilke and C. Urbano

Hearty congratulations to John Mancini upon his engagement to Miss Phyllis Maynard of Adams. No wedding date has been announced as yet.

Silvio Lamarre and Andy Montgomery recently attended the Red Sox-Browns game in Boston. Silvio is one of the outstanding ball players at Drury and a Yankee rooster, and Andy is a Red Sox fan.

Frank Santelli and his wife spent the week end visiting relatives in Gardner. *Vacationers:* Emma Montagna at Asbury Park, N. J....Ivis Lewis vacationed in Maine....Dorothy Palmetier at Lake George, N. Y....Irene Gage, Mary Kryston and Sophie Wilk at Hampton Beach ("Rinky" and "Sonnie" started off with a bang by missing the train)....Margaret Davis and "Peanuts" Braman spent their vacations quietly at home....Maud Gebauer is spending a well-earned vacation in Maine.

John O'Connell motored to Boston for the week end.

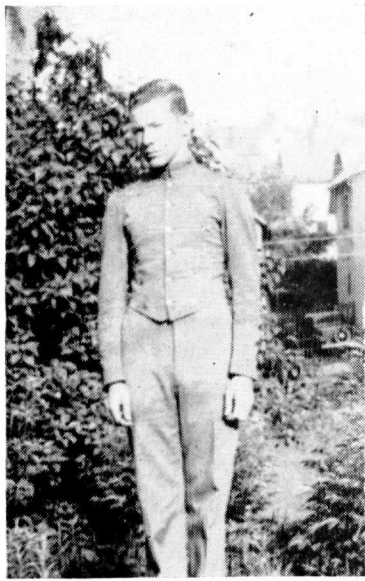
"Tony" Connell spent her "second" honeymoon in Canada and Niagara Falls.

We hear "Red" Lesure is learning to perform on the trapeze....so she can fly through the air—to someone!

"Terry" Richard spent the week end in St. Albans, Vt. with her family. We wish a speedy recovery to Harold Dufraigne's mother who is very ill.

Among our new recruits are: Leo Colo, Raymond Johnson, William Robert and Lois Denney.

Has everyone noticed Margaret Allen's new coiffure....She celebrated her sixth wedding anniversary by a trip to Lake Champlain.



Kenneth Boillat, son of Eva Thibodeau of P.A.A. Solderers. Kenneth is wearing the uniform of the Blue Pioneers' Drum Corps.

F. P. Drys

By Rose Cilli

Welcome to our Department:

Leo Pinsonneault, Allen Miller, Elmer Maynard, Mildred Gilman, Ruth Lackey, Dorothy Wells, Anne Davine, Minnie Geddis, Catherine Coody, Dorothy Alderman, Eleanor Jones, Margaret Richard, Flora Smith and Margaret Robare. We hope you enjoy working with us.

A speedy recovery to Francis Estes who is in the hospital.

What is that short poem "Ken" Hill starts—but never finishes? Come on, pick up your courage, Ken, and let us know that last line.

Better times are coming, Emma Massaconi—Keep up your singing—someday you'll get to Hollywood.

Doretta Blanchard is glad to see her son home—smiles can be seen every minute of the day. Smiles likewise, for Norma Whipple—her brother is home after being stationed in China.

Our Department is proud to report the following engagements: Margaret LaBonte to Bill Blay of the Sample Lab; and Norma Whipple to Harold Harris. Congratulations!

Apparently "Blondie" Charbonneau has been appointed "foot" model for Jack Faustini. That's all right, Jack, even though your socks are too big—they certainly are flashy.

"Jerry" LaRoche is giving "sealing" lessons to our co-workers. It comes in handy, Jerry, — but you work too fast!

What would "Chena" Bushika do without the ride to Main Street in Frank Gassett's car. She, and other co-workers want to thank him for his services.

What's happened to Joe Filiault — quiet for a change.

We bid farewell to Theresa Marcoux, and Peg Doherty and wish you both luck. We enjoyed your stay with us.

Last week, we were all asking each other who the attractive new girl was—after checking up, we found it was none other than Doris Harvey—with a dress!!!

Hazel Russell spent her vacation visiting her son T-5 Arthur Russell, who formerly worked in K.V.A., at Ft. Hancock, N. J. While enroute, Hazel took in the sights of New York and Boston.

Vacationers:
Ann Blasi, Dick Durkee, Rose Moresi, Bill Davis, Frances Bushika, Minnie Hamlin, Don Roy, "Blondie" Charbonneau, Emma Vivori, Irene Burke and Lil Boyer. All reported a very enjoyable time.

The next time Harold Taft claims he's a member of the "stronger sex", we'll remind him of that embarrassing defeat at the hands of Mary Delponte.....Who'll be sorry then!

Section Test

By Margaret Isherwood

Congratulations to Helen Devine on the birth of a baby girl — and to Stella Kemp for a baby boy.

Vacations: Rose Coyne spent a vacation at Averill Lake, Vt. — Ruth Jackson took in the sights of New York City — Margaret Isherwood went camping at Richmond, Mass. — Bea Barcomb, Larry Bergeron and Angie DeMago spent a quiet time at home.

We're wondering how the girl in our Department, who went hiking with some canned goods to eat, and forgot a can-opener—made out? Ask "Wy" Allard about it.

For a first-hand account of the trials and tribulations of a bride's first attempts at housekeeping—ask Peggy Doyle. To date, she has locked herself out—has colored her clean white wash with "purple" dye — and — well, the rest would fill a book!

Paper Rolling

By Hubba! Hubba!

Vacations: Claire Anderson and Rose Ann Vigna at Asbury Park, N. J. — Owen Dion at Atlantic City, N. J. — Helen Denno and Evelyn Tower—restful vacations at home — Ceil Rokita in New Hampshire.

Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hartwig who are recent newly-weds and who spent their honeymoon at Lake George.

Martha Wittig was feted recently at a picnic given at the home of Rose Neveu, and she was presented a gift. Martha is to be married next Saturday to "Pop" Ouellette. P.S. Have Kathleen Morrissey tell you about the spill she had—and Claire Anderson and "Mutsey" Wittig about that chute—what fun!

Doris DaSacco was also the guest of honor at a shower held recently in her honor. She became Mrs. Merlini on August 10th.

We all wish Mary Templeton a quick recovery — we all miss you and are anxious to have you back again.

The Upper Offices

By "Do" and "Flo"

Vacations: Hazel Geraghty spent her vacation at home resting — Helen Root went to Atlantic City, N. J. and acquired a beautiful tan — Tom Riddell toured Vermont cities and finally ended up at Quebec, Canada — Ruth Harris made her two weeks exciting with a car trip through five New England states — Effie Bishop enjoyed a peaceful vacation at home — Margaret Beaupre enjoyed the sunshine at Swampscott. (You needed a vacation, Margaret, after the big wedding your daughter had. From all reports, she certainly looked beautiful) — We're glad to see Bill Campedelli ack, as we missed him.

CAPTIVES



Louis Damiano of Maintenance was overjoyed to receive this picture of his sister, Doloris Della Valle, her daughter, Marilina and husband, Francis. They were held captives in their native town of Varazze, Italy, during the Nazi invasion.

The difference between a city girl and a country girl on a windy day is the country girl will go for her skirt while the city girl goes for her hat.

Wanted to build a new world: fewer architects and more bricklayers. —Ad Astra

Tubular Assembly

By Gertrude Hall

A hearty welcome to George Parker and also to former co-worker Matilda Carter. It's nice having you back.

Good luck to "Duchy" Messina who has gone to Marshall Street Maintenance. We miss your "Hey Bob a re' Bob."

Speedy recovery to Charlotte O'Brien. Hope you'll be back with us soon.

What's this about Maud Waska working at the jamboree — where will you turn up next!

Kate Marra enjoyed an outing in Connecticut recently. She, and other members of St. Anthony's choir were the guests of the new priest.

"Marty" Flannigan becomes starry-eyed whenever "I Dream of You" is played. (Bet he wishes that Gevaert's were just across the street, so he could conveniently see someone more often).

Glad to see you, Henry LaBonte, and know you are recuperating so nicely.

Vera (Timothy) Davine has returned from her honeymoon, and a vacation which she spent in trying out her cooking on her brand new husband. (From their looks, they must be doing OK.)

Formation and Centrifuge

By J. Shea

Vacations:

Claude Wager spent his vacation fishing. (How many feet were the fish you caught?)

Joe Vivori was so busy on his vacation that he forgot to get a haircut — Emile Goyette spent a week at Lake Champlain — Martin Fitzgerald enjoyed his stay at Lake St. Catherine, Vt. — and Marshall Briggs had a fine time fishing.

The Formation, Centrifuge and Re-rolling Departments extend deep sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ducharme on the death of their infant daughter.

Congratulations to Lionel Champagne on the birth of his third daughter.

Rolland Perras, son of Louis, has received his discharge from the Navy.

Wedding bells will soon ring for Stanley Mastalisz and Josephine De Paoli.

Can Shop and Plating

By Lucille Little

Dick Germain has been thinking of buying a new station wagon. (Hope we'll all get a ride.)

Billy Fortini made reservations for spending a week in New York City — and got only as far as the banks of the Hudson River — Guess he got stuck in the mud or couldn't find the bridge to cross it.

Elmer Fountain tells some tall tales — but one of the best is about the gold river in the Notch road — *Who knows, maybe there's gold fish there, too.*

If Ed Shartrand organizes that orchestra he's been writing poetry about, he'll find plenty of talent in the Department: Ruth Embry and Howard Isherwood could supply the vocal refrain (Ruth used to sing with Hank and his Hermits, and Howie was once known as the "Caruso of Clarksburg.")

We're firmly convinced that Esther Bartholomew is from Missouri (she says — Ohio) for she won't believe there's a snow-cave in Williamstown.

F. P. Ovens

By Loretta Milisiewski

Vacations:

Sally Williams spent her vacation resting at home — Evelyn Sherman is settling her newly-acquired apartment (lucky girl) — Peace this week, eh, Austin — no Sally?

Wedding bells will ring in the near future for Robert W. Lapine and Beatrice Shepard — Best wishes to you.

Jean Cuddeback was a lucky girl — lucky to get an apartment and get all her furniture at once.



Helen LeSage, Isabel Hyndman, Mary Vienotte and Harriet Fortin demonstrate -- not "what we do after five o'clock" but what we do during lunch period -- stroll in the woods.

Dry Test

By Rita Johnson

We understand that Francis Guzzi overslept recently — and therefore, had to take a detour to New York.

Mary Boschetti recently attended a wedding in Boston.

Julius Lincoln and family enjoyed a vacation in New Jersey.

Millie Clifton, Esther Vitro and Rita Johnson have returned to work following two weeks' of vacation.

The girls of Dry Test wish there were more gentlemen like George Dumont.

Its all right, Marjorie Hauptfleisch, to get a bump on yourself — but not so many of them — it resembles measles.

Vi Shea and Mary Patrie appeared wearing patches on their legs — didn't realize there were any horses at Sprague's which did so much kicking!

Goldie Stuart darns her husband's socks during her lunch period — why, Goldie?

There's a fellow in Dry Test who answers to the name of "Lover."

Maintenance

By Umbrigo

Has Frank Daniels of the Electrical Gang taken up running? On one of our recent hot nights, he was seen sprinting up to the corner store and back in his running shorts. Just a little try-out for a warm night!

We're glad to welcome back Joe Schneider, Jr. to the Electrical Gang. He has recently received his honorable discharge from the U. S. Army.

Vacations: Walter Lapine has returned from a vacation spent in Boston; Art Giroux from a Canadian trip.

Frank Connor and Carl Perry went picking blueberries one Sunday. (What's the matter with the fishing, fellows?)

Hats off and orchids to our new traffic policemen, who are doing such a splendid job of handling the traffic at the Beaver Plant, during rush periods, at noon and 5 o'clock. Let's all cooperate by obeying their direction as closely as possible.

It seems that Maurice Chonard gets so excited whenever he gets a nibble in fishing, that he usually falls in the water, gets himself thoroughly wet—and scares all the fish away—so he decided to cast aside the customary fishing togs—and now finds he lands more fish—if he is barefoot and clad only in shorts! More power to you, Maurice. (See picture for this natty outfit.)



Maurice Chonard of the Maintenance Department found fishing in much easier when in shorts, sans socks—than when in fishing boots—anyway, he caught the fish!

Bathtub Assembly

By Ruth Haskins

Our best wishes to Mary Gilli who was married July 20th to Americo Giansanti, of Clinton, Mass. She will make her home in Clinton, and this Department will certainly miss her.

Cupid has been busy in our Department—Our Ruth Harrington became Mrs. Paul DiLego on July 21st. Also, Norma Urbano will soon march to the altar with William Baker of Adams.

Vacations: Vivian Dale returned from a motor trip through the White Mountains with the deepest sun tan we have yet seen. Helen LaPalmi enjoyed a vacation at a Vermont lake.

Ovens Department

By "Dukie" Abraham

Francis Perenick is leaving us to enlist in the U. S. Army. The best of luck to you, Francis.

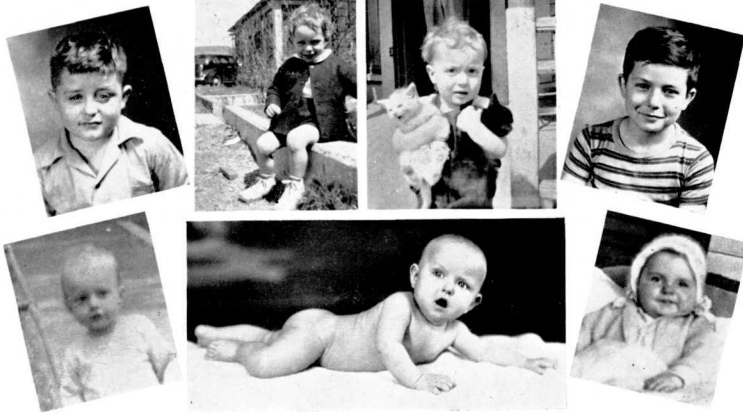
"Dukie" Abraham spent her vacation in Boston and vicinity.

Alice White is a happy girl these days—her "one and only" is home to stay.

Annie Mould spent the week end at Lake Champlain (lucky girl) and Lil Peck journeyed to New York.

We extend a welcome to John Timothy and David Trombley—hope you like working with us.

MEET ANOTHER GROUP OF THE YOUNGER SET



Top Row: On the left and extreme right—Ralph and Anthony Romeo, sons of Betty of the Dry Rolling Department; Bobbie Barcomb, son of Beatrice of Section Test; Michael Boyle, son of Helen of the Ovens; Bottom Row: Jerry Lesage, son of Patrice of the Dry Test Department; Mary Lou Battory, daughter of Mary of Bathtub Assembly; and Carolyn Joan Sanford, daughter of Paul of Wire Coating.

Sample Lab

By The Shadow

We wish to welcome back one of our former co-workers, Francis O'Brien who went to serve his country with the Navy—Hope you find the Department the way you left it, "O'Be."

"Jo" Convery is back at work after spending a quiet vacation at home.

Theresa Louison spent her vacation in New York City. While there, she attended the Yankee-Cincinnati game.

"Buzz" Brusatori divided his vacation between Springfield, Mass. and Albany, N. Y.

The Department is at a loss to express its feelings at the loss of Millie Krutiak. We all miss you, and wish you the best of luck in your new work.

We are wondering why Eddie Horsfall makes so many trips to Athol, Mass., lately.

Engagement: William Blay of our Department, and Margaret LaBonte of the F.P. Line will march to the altar some time next May.

Incidentally, we think that "Buzz" would be a great addition to the baseball team—if he tosses a ball around with the same speed that he used in testing a condenser, recently.

Jetta Dunn—don't you know how to start your car yet! Sounds like an atomic bomb exploding!

Main Office

By Whodunnit

Last week found Shirley Thoros enjoying her vacation at Asbury Park and New York—she reported a wonderful time.

Ruth Tonelli acquired a beautiful tan while vacationing at Hampton Beach.

Mr. Denovan spent his vacation getting settled in his new home.

Another stay-at-home was Isobel Peters—although she took a short trip to Boston.

Isn't Gloria Moresi calm. One would think she would be a little more excited after receiving her passport to Switzerland.

Welcome to our Office—Eleanor Rolland—Hope you like it here, with us.

He: "Darling, I'm grasping for words."
She: "Well, you won't find them there."

A. C. Line

By Vi Short

Congratulations to "Lil" Tisdale on her election as Vice-President of the Briggsville Auxiliary American Legion. Alice Pisano vacationed at Cohoes, N. Y.

What has happened to the two glamour gals of the A.C. Line—have they turned mummies? It's so quiet now, that you can hear yourself think!

Daddy's Little Helper

Recently, Roy Trotter took it upon himself to repair his car, and everything seemed to be progressing smoothly. Charlotte came out, and wanting to be helpful, asked what she could do. Roy said to clean up the mess a little. Like a busy little bee, she picked up here and there—including a piece of "junk" wrapped in an old rag, which she lustily tossed into the swollen Hoosac River. Now comes the sad part of the story. That wasn't a piece of "junk" but a vital part of Roy's car! Now, Roy is minus a car part, he needs rubber boots to go down fishing in the river for it—and the water is still too cold to do much delving, anyway.



Ray Racette of the Dry Test, looks as though he has joined some Indian tribe -- he says though, that his clothes were just stolen when the candid camera caught him.

"How's your new girl?"
"Not so good."
"You always were lucky."

Industrial Oils

By L. Vincelette

Al Giusti has taken up umpiring of the hardball games. The fans have more fun watching Al, than the game!

Lewis Cronin is trying to get a softball jacket—sorry, Lewis, but you're not from State Street.

That loud racket in the street and some hing whizzing by is Annie Moran and his motor cycle.

Evelyn Morton returned for a week—and we're all glad to see her.

Glad to learn Winnie Emery is doing so well after her operation—she expects to be with us soon.

Shortage of apartments? Not for Milly Conroy who was offered a six room apartment when she returned from her vacation. It appears that Nan Barschdorf may move in with Milly.

"Ag" Houghton has brought forth a new style for nite-clubbing in comfort—house slippers and an umbrella—ch, "Ag"?

Ann Heath and Eleanor DeSanty again wipe their feet on our "Welcome Mat." Glad to have you back, girls.

For the more literary members of our group, Jimmy Copeland will advise you on the "book of the month." Also—where you can get it—good advertising, eh, Jimmy?

P.A.A. Inspect and Test

By Elsie Leja

Should you be escorting Jennie Skubel to Adams some evening, don't worry if you miss the last bus—Jennie's bike is always available.

Glad to know that Martha Phillips is on the road to recovery—we miss her very much.

Frank Stawarz is still looking for the sporting section of his paper. Could be that the girls used it to line their pans, Frank.

The Log goes everywhere—they say. Recently a copy was seen at Hampton Beach by Agnes Fleming.

They tell us wedding bells will soon ring for Flora Gaudette.

Deep sympathy to May Goodermote on the recent death of her father.

If you care to hear more about the person who massaged her hands very nicely with hand cream, only to find it was just shoe polish—just ask Kate Patterson for the details.

P. A. A. Line

By Rita Samia

Wedding bells will ring on August 17th for our Mary DiDonna. Loads of happiness and luck to you.

Our quiet little miss, Mary J. Jones, announces her engagement to John Howland. She says no date has been set as yet for the wedding.

Welcome back, all our vacationers—hope each of you had a grand time.

Best wishes for Adrienne Chalifoux on her recent engagement.

Welcome to all the new members of our Department—hope you like working with us.

We all want to wish Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Kent loads of good wishes on their tenth wedding anniversary which they celebrated July 31st.

"We are now passing the most famous brewery in London," explained the guide.
"Not me," replied the American tourist as he hopped off the bus.



Wire Coating

By Betty Jangrow

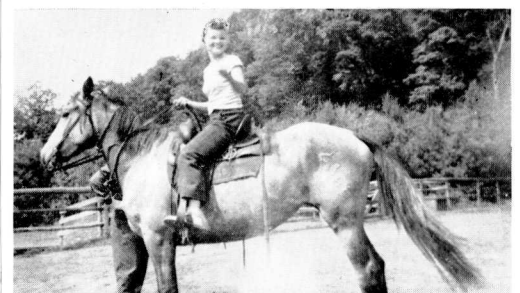
Wedding Congratulations to two of our former workers: Elinore (Aspinall) Williams, and Theresa (Gamari) Rogers. We wish both of you much happiness.

Helen Foote, Carl Hurley, Paul Sanford and Larry Weld returned reluctantly (?) to their positions after their vacations. Helen used the time to put the finishing touches to her new home, and Paul fished at Lake Dunmore, Vt.—and what fish stories! Elsie, Paul's cow, also enjoyed a vacation during his absence, and enjoyed a few choice morsels from the neighbors' gardens.

Fred Miller has been working very hard in his flower garden—and to prove his success, exhibited a beautiful bouquet of sweet peas. (One of these days, we hope he brings in some of his cultivated blue berries.)

August 14th—Correa Tatro, I won't forget that date, since each of us celebrate our sons' birthdays then.

Wendell Niles reports this cable sent by a show girl to her groom two years with MacArthur: "Having wonderful wish, time you were here."



"Fay" Bellows of the Receiving Department shows how she manages a horse while vacationing at the "Thousand Acre" dude ranch.

P.A.A. Solderers

By Rose Corsi

Dot Shepherd and Gloria Chietini at Hampton Beach. Mary Burro, Lena and Mary Simonelli are in New York City. Mary Rogge and Doris Barnum are at Lake Champlain.

Of all the vacations, Gertrude Gentile had one of the nicest — she returned as Mrs. William LaFontaine.

Much happiness and good luck from all of us.

Don't know what the girls would do without Pete Mancuso—he keeps them smiling no matter how busy he is.

"Ceil" Viall is finally successful in raising a family — her canary hatched out its eggs the other day — and all are doing fine, thank you.

Best wishes are in Order for:

Ruth Sumner, who is engaged to Louis Poirot.

Janet Bushy who will wed Arthur Bourdin of Adams.

Doris Bernini who will also wed an Adams man—Johnny Krol.

We welcome all our new-comers to our midst — and hope you like us!

Maintenance and Machine Shop

By Little Lulu

Ho-hum — and lack-a-day

I can't think of much to say.

And here it's time again for news

And all I've got is — vacation blues!

To get on with the news, while Bob Sprague, Jr. was on vacation, Charlie Wilson took over his duties as watch boy for the Sprague baseball team. A job well done—and many, many thanks, Charlie, from all the boys.

"Pep" Martin is vacationing on his farm in Maine. While away, he intends to go lobster fishing and to throw a big party for all Sprague employees when he returns. "Pep" has already engaged a 10 ton tractor to haul them back for him.

"Doc" Plumb is spending a very quiet vacation in Springfield. ...did I say quiet. Knowing "Doc", it will be anything but quiet.

While Walt Maynard is on vacation, he intends to go to Albany and stock up on some of those peaches which Casey has been telling the boys about—they sell at 49 cents a bushel, folks, so I'll see you all in Albany.

The winner of the Hudson, given away by the Eagles recently was our own Mathew (Casey) Brady. At least his name was on the ticket—though he says it wasn't his. It's quite complicated—and when he explains it, you won't know any more about it than you do now. All we can make out—a guy named Mathew Brady won—his name was on the ticket—the ticket wasn't his — there! we're back again from where we started!

MARSHALL STREET "Memos"**Shipping and Carton Stockroom**

By the Gold Dust Twins

Jack Callahan and Mario Magnani have been transferred to Carton Stockroom and Miles Heath to Receiving, in Bldg. No. 16. They formerly worked for Cancellation Department. Hope you enjoy your new work.

Mario Magnani spent a 10-day vacation at Lake Champlain. While there, he enjoyed his favorite sport, fishing. He says, Lake Champlain is a fisherman's paradise, and knows just where he is spending his vacation next year.

Emma Mutart is back full of pep and vitality. She is the envy of all the girls, these days. She has a beautiful tan which she acquired on her vacation at Hampton Beach.

Blanche Prendergast is enjoying a two week's vacation in New York.

Receiving Room Bldg. No. 16

Who is the curly-haired boy who puts hinges on doors backwards? ? ?

SPORTS

An enviable catch of trout -- say we. . . So did Bob Garner of Engineering Drafting, when he caught them on a fishing trip in Maine.

SPRAGUE'S OFF TO GOOD START IN 2nd HALF

The Sprague Electric Softball team finally caught up with the Corner Cafe team and handed them their second defeat of the second half, the score being 4 - 2. This not only marked the first time that Sprague's had lowered the Corner's colors, but also the first time that they had been able to score off them, as they lost their two first half games to the Corner being shutout both times by the identical scores of 4 - 0.

The Sprague team could not be denied in this second clash however, and sparked by the brilliant play of "Little Allan" McPherson they humbled the Corner in quite the same manner as they themselves had been in the two previous games between the clubs. McPherson's contributions to his team's success were numerous — he clouted a long home run in the fifth inning with one on to put Sprague's out in front 3 - 2, and then in the sixth he saved the day for George Benoit the Sprague pitcher with a great stop and throw from behind second base just at the time when the Corner were threatening to score.

The next time out Sprague's were rudely defeated by the fast stepping Kostka outfit of Adams, 5 - 1. "Butch" Kolis hung up his third straight win of the second half, and put the Kostkas out front by a full game.

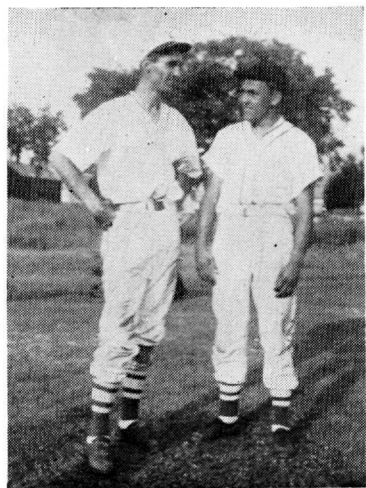
Second Half of N.B.S.L. To Be Closely Contested

The second half of the Northern Berkshire Softball League promises to be one of the hardest pennant races in the history of the league. The "Y" after suffering 17 consecutive defeats upset McKinley Square, the first-half champs. Bruno Malnati, released earlier in the week by the Corner, tossed a six-hitter against the Mothertowners to feature

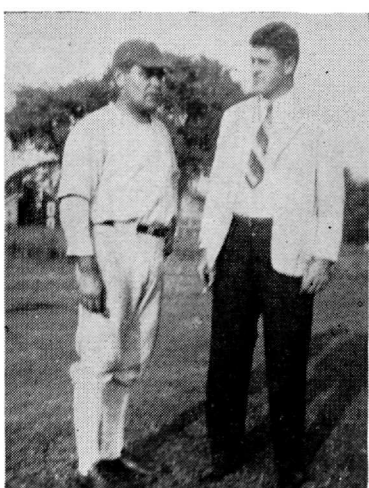
the "Y's" surprising win. Then, Strong-Hewat walloped McAndrews all over the lot in turning in an impressive win over the same team which forced Sprague and the Corner Cafe to the limit before bowing 5 - 4 and 2 - 1 respectively. Hunter's, another "weak sister" in the first half, forced McKinley Square to go 11 innings and lost a tough 8 - 7 decision on an outfield error. The Kostkas, meanwhile, are the only team to be undefeated thus far in the second half.

The games this season have drawn unusually large crowds and the spectators have been impressed at the balance of the League. Each team is a threat to the pacemaker. Fans who continue to regard this game as "child's play" owe it to themselves to get out and see some league clashes. The chances are they will be regular patrons thereafter. Another item of interest, this one directed at the City Fathers. It might be well to prepare now to lay away some cash for the Recreation Committee to use to improve our softball grounds. If the Recreation Committee is given a little "mazuma" support, they can do great things. We have one of the best athletic spots in the state, at Noel Field. The baseball diamond and the gridiron are surpassed by very, very few, while the excellent grandstand is superior to any in Western Massachusetts. All that the softball fields need, are a couple of benches for players, a rubber home plate at each diamond and the field to be kept up throughout the season. Yearly, with added interest in this game, such items become necessities. So, we believe, the time has come for the City Fathers to help the Recreation Committee meet the athletic needs of the city.

—B. Bullett

POPULAR SPRAGUE MEN OF BASEBALL DIAMOND

"Walt" Kately -- outfield, and "Gordy" Neville -- shortstop, of the Baseball Team.



"Tank" Wilson -- first base, and Fielding Simmons -- coach, of the Baseball Team.



"Hank" Gamari -- manager, and "Red" Edwards -- pitcher, of the Sprague Baseball Team.

Bullett and Russell**Congratulations! -- To a Winner on the Greens**

Kit Carson of the Time Study Department displayed fine form in the recent Golf Tournament at the local Country Club and was extended congratulations in winning the "A" prize in his division. The Parker "51" pen and pencil set is a beauty and all agree our Kit must be "quite a man" on the greens.

Here and There In The Sports World

Baseball—The Major Leagues: In the National Leagues the Brooklyn Dodgers and the St. Louis Cardinals continue to wage a merry scrap for the top rung. At present, the Dodgers are out in front by a 2 game margin. In third spot is the Chicago Cubs while fourth position to round out the first division is held by the ever-threatening Boston Braves. The Junior circuit still finds the Boston Red Sox sporting a 12-game margin—the nearest rival being the N. Y. Yankees. Completing a successful road trip, the Sox are now homeward bound. In third place are the Detroit Tigers, 13½ games off the pace. Batting honors in both Leagues are very close. The National Loop has "Dixie" Walker of the Dodgers, Johnny Hopp of the Braves, Stan Musial of the Cards clustered at the top, with Walker out in front with a lusty .381. Mickey Vernon of the Senators is holding a slight lead over Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox in the American League race for batting honors. Here, the averages are lower — both batters hitting around .355.

Semi-Pro Ball—The Greylock Nine is leading the Northern Berkshire Twilight League at this writing—they look like winners for the second half—they have spirit, a lot of hustle, and are potent at the plate and on the hill. The Crusaders have a slim chance left but must finish the slate without defeat to be in on the finish. Manager Puppolo has booked out-of-town teams to play at Noel Field against the Crusaders every Saturday evening for the balance of the season.

Boxing—The outdoor boxing shows have now offered three weeks' of boxing and since the opening card, have improved. The second week, so far, showed the best fighters to date. The sport has drawn between 1200 to 2200 fans. The sport is well liked in this section, with shows also held in Bennington and Pittsfield weekly.

Fishing—The trout season has ended for another year, in Massachusetts, but not until August 14th in Vermont. The anglers will now resort to fishing in ponds for perch, pickerel, pike and other fighters of the deep.

—Ken Russell



Foster - St. Pierre—Miss Gladys Foster of P.A.A. Department has announced her engagement to Mr. Henry St. Pierre. The young couple have chosen September 2nd as their wedding date.

Hanlon-Burdick—Miss Gertrude Hanlon of the Mica Department has announced her approaching marriage to Mr. Raymond Burdick, the wedding to take place August 24th.

Blay-Frank—The wedding intentions of Miss Valeda Blay and Mr. Glenn T. Frank have been announced. The marriage will take place August 17th. Miss Blay is employed in the Boxing Department.

Gaudette - Kiely — Miss Flora Gaudette has announced her engagement to Mr. John Kiely. No wedding date has been set. Miss Gaudette is employed in the P.A.A. Dept.

Maynard - Mancini — The engagement of Miss Phyllis Maynard to Mr. John Mancini is announced. John is employed in the Boxing Department.

Martell - Burr — Mrs. Eleanor Martell of Dry Rolling Department has announced her engagement to Mr. Walter Burr, Jr. The wedding has been set for August 31st.

LaBonte - Blay — Miss Margaret LaBonte of the F. P. Drys Department will wed Mr. Wm. Blay of the Sample Laboratory. No date has been set for the wedding.

Farinon - Lewis: Miss Adelina Mary Farinon and T. William Lewis have announced their engagement, and Labor day has been set for the wedding. Adelina (Mamie) is employed as a supervisor in the Western Electric Department at the Marshall Street plant.

DiDonna - Bua: The engagement of Miss Mary E. DiDonna to Carmen J. Bua has been announced. The wedding is to take place August 17th. Mary is employed in the P.A.A. Department at the Brown Street plant.

DePaoli - Mastalisz: Miss Josephine DePaoli of the Block Test Department has announced her engagement to Stanley Mastalisz of the Dry Formation Department. The wedding is to take place in September.

THE STORK CLUB

Daughter—Mr. and Mrs. Francis Jones are the parents of a daughter born July 23rd. The mother is Virginia, of Dry Test Department.

Daughters—Twindaughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Durant, July 28th. The mother is the former Shirley Gorman of Block Annex Dept.

Daughter—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Perras are the parents of a daughter born July 27th. Mr. Perras works in D.T.Q. Dept. at Marshall Street.

Daughter—Mr. and Mrs. Renald Devine are the parents of a daughter, born July 27th. The father is employed in Stockroom Department and the mother, the former Helen Blair, was employed in Section Test.

Daughter—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brule are the parents of a daughter born July 24th. The mother is Margaret Mancuso Brule, formerly of Payroll Office, Brown Street.

Daughter—Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lemarre are the parents of a girl, born August 1st. The father is employed in the Boxing Department.

Son—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Paquin are the parents of a son born July 30th. The mother is Theresa of Industrial Oils.